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SUBJECT: PRESS ON IMELDA'S VISIT TO BOLIVIA

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1. PRESS COVERAGE OF FIRST LADY'S LATEST TRAVEL TO LATIN AMERICA HAS REVEALED LITTLE THUS FAR ABOUT HER INTENTIONS AFTER FOUR-DAY VISIT TO BOLIVIA. ACCORDING "DAILY EXPRESS" BOLIVIAN STAY WILL END AUGUST 9. VARIOUS PAPERS HAVE DROPPED HINTS THAT SHE MAY BE FOCUSING ON CUBA. "BULLETIN TODAY," FOR EXAMPLE, NOTES THAT SHE ESTABLISHED "HIGH LEVEL CONTACT" WITH CUBANS ON HER PREVIOUS TRIP TO NEW YORK AND STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF CUBA AS FELLOW SUGAR PRODUCER.

2. ROMULO TOLD PRESS THAT FIRST LADY WOULD TRY TO GET OIL

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FROM BOLIVIA (QUESTING FOR PETROLEUM IS REQUISITE FEATURE

OF ALL FIRST LADY PEREGRINATIONS) AND SPOKE OF CULTIVATING
LATIN AMERICANS "BECAUSE WE ALSO NEED 22 EXTRA VOTES IN
THE UN."

3. PRESS NOTED WARM RECEPTIONS IN GUAM (INCLUDING VISIT
TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE) AND IN HAWAII WHERE PRESENCE OF
GOVERNOR AND MRS. ARIYOSHI AT PLANESIDE GOT SPECIAL
MENTION.

4. COMMENT: NONE OF THE ABOVE SHEDS MUCH ADDITIONAL LIGHT
ON QUESTION OF WHEN FIRST LADY MAY MATERIALIZE IN CONTINENTAL
US. THAT SHE WILL BE TURNING UP SEEMS INCREASINGLY CERTAIN
ESPECIALLY SINCE SEVEN-MAN AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTION TEAM
FROM NATIONAL MEDIA PRODUCTION CENTER APPLIED FOR US VISAS
YESTERDAY, AS DID IMELDA'S BIOGRAPHER AND FAVORITE
JOURNALIST, KERIMA POLOTAN, AND "BULLETIN TODAY" POLITICAL
COLUMNIST APOLANIA "POL" BATALLA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NMPC
TEAM IS PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK. (NMPC DIRECTOR
GRAGORIO CENDANA IS MEMBER OF FIRST LADY'S OFFICIAL PARTY.)
ALL THIS COULD, OF COURSE, BE IN PREPARATION FOR A HAVANA
SPECTACULAR.
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